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SUBJECT: ON SAG ADVICE BUTHELEZI CANCELS NAMIBIAN VISIT

REF: A) DURBAN 0121 3/27/72; B) DURBAN 0098 3/15/72 (NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, CHIEF GATSHA BUTHELEZI, CHIEF EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR FOR KWAZULU, HAS ACCEPTED SAG "ADVICE" AND DECLINED INVITATION TO SPEAK AT NAMIBIAN- BASED, ANTI- APARTHEID, PRO BLACK UNITY VOICE OF THE PEOPLE TRIENNIAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE AT WINDHOEK. EARLIER REPORTS HAD INDICATED HIS INTENTION TO ATTEND. BUTHELEZI ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT AT CLOSE HIS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING 17 MARCH: " I HAD LEGAL OPINION GIVEN TO ME THAT I NEEDED A PERMIT IN TERMS OF THE LAW TO VISIT SWA... I WAS IN THE PROCESS OF FINDING OUT HOW TO GET IT WHEN I RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THE MINISTER (M. C. BOTHA, MINISTER OF BANTU ADMIN. AND DEVELOPMENT) TO THE EFFECT THAT IN VIEW OF GENERAL DELICATE POSITION IN SWA, HE WONDERED WHETHER I SHOULD CONSIDER

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NOT GOING. THIS WAS NOT AN INSTRUCTION. I HAVE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES
ABIDED BY THE MINISTER' S ADVICE."

2. COMMENT, THIS SECOND TIME BUTHELEZI HAS PUBLICLY ACCEPTED
SAG ADVICE NOT TO SPEAK AT CONFERENCE OUTSIDE SA. FIRST WAS
PROPOSED NETHERLANDS TRIP LAST YEAR (REFTELS). WHETHER
CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING MOST RECENT SAG " ADVICE" AND
BUTHELEZI' S CAREFULLY WORDED STATEMENT SIMILAR TO THOSE OF
REFTEL (A) NOT KNOWN.
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